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SLABS AND SHEETS WITH WATER IN A COOLING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In advance of the first office action, please amend the
claims as follows: